

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Dowagiac Union Schools will receive sealed bids for Loose Furnishings Packages for the New Middle School, 57028 Riverside Drive, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047.

Bids will be received in the Office of Administration, 206 Main Street, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047, until 2:00 p.m. (local time), February 1, 2005, at which time and place bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. (local time) will be returned unopened.

Separate or combined bids for the following categories will be considered:

Prime Base Bids:

Base Bid "A" – Art Equipment
Base Bid "B" – Caseloads
Base Bid "C" – Chairs/Tables
Base Bid "D" – Industrial Technology Equipment
Base Bid "E" – Miscellaneous School Equipment
Base Bid "F" – Music Equipment
Base Bid "G" – Student Desks

Alternate Bids are requested for certain items under the above Base Bids.

Successful bidders shall conform to the "Schedule of Prevailing Wages" included with the Supplementary Conditions.

A bid security in the form of AIA Document A310, a certified check, or a form from an acceptable surety shall accompany each bid. The bid security shall be in the penal amount of 5 percent of the total bid. Bid security shall be forfeited if bid is withdrawn after closing time on date for receiving bids.

Successful bidders are required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond from an acceptable surety in an amount equal to 100 percent of the full contract sum.

The Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, are on file for public inspection at the office of the Architect;

Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc.
905 S. Woodland Avenue
Michigan City, IN 46360
Phone: (219) 872-0635

at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools; and

F.W. Dodge Plan Room in the following city:

- Grand Rapids, Michigan (49505), 2922 Fuller NE Suite 118

and the following additional plan rooms:

- Builders Exchange, 4461 Cascade Road, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546
- Builders Exchange of Lansing, 1240 East Saginaw Street, Lansing, Michigan 48906
- Builders Exchange of Kalamazoo, 3431 E. Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001
- Builders Exchange of St. Joseph Valley, Inc., Marycrest Building, 2015 Western Avenue, Room 211, South Bend, Indiana 46629

Bidders may obtain copies of the documents from the Architect through Reprographic Arts, Inc. (the printer), 107 Franklin Street, Michigan City, IN 46360, phone (219) 872-9111, Fax (219) 872-9198, www.reprographicarts.com; by depositing \$50 for each complete set of documents. No partial sets will be issued by deposit. Deposits are to be payable to Dowagiac Union Schools and shall be sent or delivered to the office of Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc., Michigan City, Indiana. Deposits are fully refundable to each "Document Holder" if documents are returned to the Architect in good condition within 10 days after the bid closing date.

Each bidder shall be limited to no more than 2 complete sets of Contract Documents under the refundable deposit provisions. Bidders may request additional, complete sets of documents beyond the initial 2 sets for the nonrefundable cost of \$50 per set.

Prevailing Wage: Rates as posted by the Wage & Hour Division of the Department of Consumer and Industry Service will be part of these Contract Documents.

A Prebid Conference will be held on January 11, 2005, in the conference room at the Office of Administration, 206 Main Street, Dowagiac, Michigan, 49047 at 3:00 p.m. (local time). Attendance by Bidders is optional but recommended in order to clarify or answer questions concerning the drawings and Project Manual for the Project.

The Owner reserves the right to reject each and every bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and errors in the bidding to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of bids.

No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the bid opening thereof.

This notice and request for bids is dated December 15, 2004.

Advertisement dates December 22, 2004 and January 5, 2005.

SCHOOL CORPORATION

By /s/ Larry Crandall
Superintendent

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